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POLLUTION PILOT STUDY REPORT AND NEW CCMS FOLLOW-UP PROCEDURES.

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SUMMARY: COUNCIL APPROVED FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS
OF CCMS AIR POLLUTION PILOT STUDY (C-M(74)43) AND NEW CCMS
FOLLOW-UP PROCEDURES (AC/274-D/39, 2ND REVISION). DETAILS
OF DISCUSSION FOLLOW. END SUMMARY.

1. AIR POLLUTION--LUNS RECALLED EARLIER COUNCIL ADOPTION
(JANUARY 20, 1972) OF RESOLUTION CALLING FOR APPLICATION
OF COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEMS APPROACH TO AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT,
AS DEVELOPED IN THIS CCMS PILOT STUDY. HE DREW
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ATTENTION TO 15 TECHNICAL VOLUMES PRODUCED BY PILOT
STUDY TERMING IT ONE OF MOST PRODUCTIVE OF ALL CCMS
UNDERTAKINGS. CO-PILOTS FRG AND TURKEY, JOINED BY
CANADA, EXPRESSED STRONG SUPPORT FOR PILOT STUDY

RESULTS AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR LEADERSHIP OF U.S. AS PILOT COUNTRY. NETHERLANDS ALSO COMMENTED FAVORABLY. TURKISH REP (ERALP) NOTED COMPLETE TECHNICAL LIBRARY DEVELOPED IN PILOT STUDY AND AVAILABLE TO AIR QUALITY MANAGERS IN ALL COUNTRIES. TURKEY HAD FOUND ITS PARTICIPATION IN WORK PROGRAM EXTREMELY USEFUL AND LOOKED FORWARD TO CONTINUATION OF PILOT STUDY'S COOPERATION IN FOLLOW-UP PHASE. CANADIAN REP (MENZIES) EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT PILOT STUDY'S MODELING AND LOW POLLUTION POWER SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT (LPPSD) WORK WOULD CONTINUE WITHIN CCMS, AS OTHER AREAS OF AIR POLLUTION ACTIVITY SHIFTED TO WHO AND ELSEWHERE; HE ALSO EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR AD HOC EXPERT GROUP ON FOLLOW-UP ENVISAGED FOR THIS PARTICULAR PILOT STUDY. FRG (BOSS) INDICATED FULL AGREEMENT WITH RECOMMENDATIONS, NOTING WITH RESPECT TO RECOMMENDATION NO. 8 (ON SETTING NATIONAL AIR QUALITY STANDARDS OR OBJECTIVES) THAT EC MEMBER COUNTRIES MAY EVENTUALLY HAVE TO REPLACE SUCH NATIONAL STANDARDS WITH OTHERS DEVELOPED ON AN EC-WIDE BASIS--A POINT FRG HAD ALSO MADE AT SPRING 1974 CCMS PLENARY IN TURIN. NETHERLANDS REP (HARTOGH) SIGNALED GON AGREEMENT WITH RECOMMENDATIONS AND PRAISED CONCRETE DEFINITION AND DEPTH OF CCMS STUDIES AMONG THE MANY INITIATED BY VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ON POLLUTION PROBLEMS. FOR FUTURE REFERENCE, HE URGED THAT CCMS RECOMMENDATIONS BE AS SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE LEST THEY DUPLICATE WORK OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. HE ALSO NOTED IMPORTANCE OF PARTICIPATION BY GOVERNMENT POLICY OFFICIALS, AS WELL AS NATIONAL EXPERTS, IN FORMULATING CCMS RECOMMENDATIONS. ASYG OZDAS, SUPPORTED BY MENZIES, POINTED OUT THAT BOTH POLICY AND EXPERT LEVELS IN THE ALLIED COUNTRIES CONTRIBUTE TO DEVELOPMENT AND APPROVAL OF FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS BUT THAT HE WOULD PASS ON NETHERLANDS COMMENTS TO CCMS. SYG LUNS OBSERVED THAT IN DUTCH CASE THE EXPERTS MAY EXERCISE UNUSUAL INDEPENDENCE FROM GOVERNMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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AUTHORITIES. U.S. REP (RUMSFELD) EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR CONTRIBUTIONS OF CO-PILOTS AND MANY OTHER PARTICIPANT COUNTRIES TO SUCCESS OF PILOT STUDY. HE NOTED ARRANGEMENTS FOR ACTIVE FOLLOW-UP AND DREW ATTENTION TO CONTINUING U.S.--LED INITIATIVE IN CCMS ON LPPSD, WHICH WOULD BE FOCUS OF FORTHCOMING INTERNATIONAL MEETING AND EXPOSITION IN FRG IN NOVEMBER.

2. FOLLOW-UP--SYG LUNS EMPHASIZED THAT NEW FOLLOW-UP PROCEDURES WERE DESIGNED TO PROMOTE ACTION PURSUANT TO CCMS RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH HAD BEEN APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL. BELGIUM, CANADA, FRANCE, U.S. AND UK EXPRESSED PARTICULAR SUPPORT. FRENCH REP

(DE ROSE) URGED THAT NEW DOCUMENT BE CAREFULLY STUDIED AND WELL UNDERSTOOD. HE STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF FOLLOW-UP PROCEDURE IN ENSURING TANGIBLE OUTCOME OF WORK PROGRAM AND THEREBY DEMONSTRATING TO PUBLIC OPINION THAT GOVERNMENTS ARE MAKING SERIOUS EFFORT TO DEAL WITH PROBLEMS ADDRESSED. IN SUPPORTING NEW FOLLOW-UP PROCEDURES, BELGIAN REP (DE STAERCKE) NOTED BELGIUM'S FOLLOW-UP EFFORTS AS PILOT COUNTRY ON NATO OIL SPILLS RESOLUTIONS, WHICH WOULD BE SUBJECT OF MEETING AT NATO SEPTEMBER 26-27, TO SUN UP PROGRESS IN THISD FIELD. HE CALLED FOR ALLIED SUPPORT AT FORTHCOMING MEETING IN ORDER TO PREPARE PROPER REPORT TO CCMS AND THE COUNCIL. HE UNDERSTOOD THAT UK AUTHORITIES BELIEVE IMCO NOW HAS MAIN RESPONSIBILITY ON OIL SPILLS BUT THAT AS THIS WOULD HAVE BEARING ON DISCUSSION AT FORTHCOMING MEETING, HE HOPED UK WOULD BE REPRESENTED. YK REP (PECK) EXPRESSED APPROVAL OF NEW PROCEDURES; UK BELIEVED IN FLEXIBLE APPROACH AND THOUGHT THAT FOLLOW-UP PHASE IN EACH CASE SHOULD BE OF A LIMITED, NOTINDEFINITE DURATION. RESPONDING TO DE STAERCKE, HE SAID THAT UK REP WOULD "ALMOST CERTAINLY BE PRESENT" AT OIL SPILLS MEETING. NETHERLANDS REP SAID HE COULD NOT APROMISE THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD BE READY WITH FULL REPORT IN TIME FOR OIL SPILLS MEETING. U.S. REP (RUMSFELD) REITERATED STRONG U.S SUPPORT FOR FOLLOW-UP AS DISTINGUISHING FEATURE OF CCMS PROGRAM AND JOINED IN APPROVAL OF NEW PROCEDURES WHICH WOULD HELP ENSURE UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT CCMS ACHIEVES ITS AIM OF STIMULATING ACTION BY GOVERNMENTS. HE DREW ATTENTION TO FORTHCOMING FOLLOW-UP MEETING CALLED BY BELGIUM, WHICH U.S. BELIEVES WILL BE OF MAJOR SIGNIFICANCE BOTH IN MAXIMIZING IMPACT OF NATO RESOLUTIONS ON OIL SPILLS AND IN REALIZING FULL POTENTIAL CCMS.

3. IN SUMMING UP, SYG LUNS DECLARED THAT COUNCIL HAD ACCEPTED FINAL CCMS AIR POLLUTION PILOT STUDY REPORT AND APPROVED ITS RECOMMENDATIONS AND HAD APPROVED THE NEW CCMS FOLLOW-UP PROCEDURES DOCUMENT. RUMSFELD

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